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TAGS: CASC, MA (LAPPEMAN, EDMOND H.)
SUBJECT: ARREST: E.H. LAPPEMAN

REF: TANANARIVE 0139

1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS NOT GRANTED ACCESS TO LAPPEMAN WHO HAS BEEN UNDER DETENTION SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN MADAGASCAR JANUARY 18. MFA, FROM WHICH WE HAVE SOUGHT ASSISTANCE, APPARENTLY POWERLESS TO INTERVENE ON EMBASSY'S BEHALF. EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND NOTE TO MFA PROTESTING ACTION OF GDRM, CITING CONSULAR ACCESS PROVISIONS OF VIENNA CONVENTION, TO WHICH GDRM IS SIGNATORY.

2. LAPPEMAN'S CASE IS NOT FIRST IN WHICH CONSULAR ACCESS HAS BEEN DENIED. MOREOVER, WHEN AMCITS HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY MALAGASY AUTHORITIES IN PAST, EMBASSY WAS NEVER OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THEIR DETENTION. THIS FAILURE OF GDRM TO COMPLY WITH VIENNA CONVENTION WAS OFFICIALLY PROTESTED BY EMBASSY IN SEPT 1976.

3. THIS CASE HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PRESS PLAY, AS GDRM AUTHORITIES HIGHLIGHT SOUTH AFRICAN VIOLATION OF MADAGASCAR'S AIRSPACE. MFA OFFICIAL NOTED TO CHARGE JAN 24
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THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR GDRM TO GRANT LANDING RIGHTS TO SOUTH AFRICAN AIRCRAFT BECAUSE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DO NOT EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (THIS IGNORES FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISTS OCCASIONALLY STOPOVER IN MADAGASCAR AND THAT AN AIR MADAGASCAR AIRCRAFT IS USED FOR AIR MAURITIUS' ONCE-WEEKLY FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG.) APPARENTLY, GDRM IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE POLITICAL

MILEAGE, DOMESTICALLY AND ABROAD, OF FLAGRANT SOUTH
AFRICAN VIOLATION OF MALAGASY SOVEREIGNTY. SOUTH AFRICAN
JOURNALISTS HAVE MADE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS TO EMBOFFS
ASKING FOR INFO ABOUT CASE, BUT ASIDE FROM OUR INABILITY
TO SEE LAPPEMAN, WE KNOW NO MORE ABOUT CASE THAN WHAT WE
READ IN PAPERS.SHEINBAUM

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